Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist Now Endangered

The lovely church at 8th Ave. W. and W. Halladay St. is another endangered Queen Anne building. The Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist is close to being demolished and replaced with four single-family houses.

This beautiful building is historically significant and is included in the City of Seattle Historic Resources Survey, which deemed it worthy of landmark status. As a church it cannot be landmarked without the consent of the church owners.

As many of you are aware, a demolition permit has been requested to allow development of the underlying property. The City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development is requiring the applicants to complete a Historic Struc-

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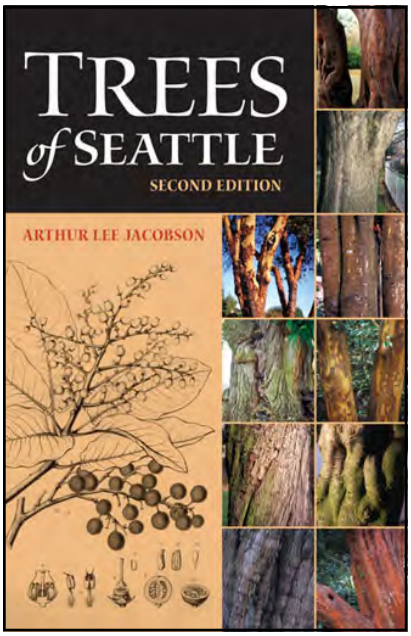
Trees of Seattle & QA
By Arthur Lee Jacobson
Wed. Nov. 22nd, 7:30 pm

Some of Seattle's largest and oldest trees are growing here on Queen Anne. At our next meeting, Wed. Nov. 22, Seattle's premier tree expert, **Arthur Lee Jacobson**, will tell us about the trees of Seattle and the incredible variety that exists here on our hill.

Jacobson is the well known author of "Trees of Seattle", now in a new, enlarged second edition. Copies of his books will be available for purchase. They make ideal holiday gifts. His expertise and his books cover not only trees but also both wild and domestic plants of the northwest. See Queen Anne's landscape through the eyes of a man whose passion is trees and plants and who knows our neighborhoods better than those of us who live here.



Join your neighbors at this fascinating public meeting!

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, 7:30 pm

McClure Middle School Library

First Ave W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

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Calendar of Events

Tue. Nov. 14, 2006

Seattle Parks Program: Special Community Meeting #2 for QA Boulevard Improvements Project. McClure Middle School, 6:30 pm.

Wed. Nov. 15, 2006

Seattle Parks Program: Design Review Meeting of Counterbalance Park. At the Uptown Neighborhood Center, 157 Roy St., 6:00 pm.

Wed. Nov. 22, 2006

Program: The Trees of Seattle and Queen Anne, by Arthur Lee Jacobson. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Thur. Dec. 14, 2006

Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. QAHS holiday lighting contest with prizes for best decorated residences on and off the "Boulevard".

Wed. Jan. 24, 2007

Program: Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Mar. 28, 2007

Program: Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

"Topping Queen Anne" Draws Crowd

A large crowd of 45 people showed up at 3pm on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006 for Kim Turner's "Topping Queen Anne" walking tour.

The group met in front of Queen Anne High School Condominiums, the old high school now being converted from apartments to condos. Along the tour route several homeowners came out to talk with the group, much to Kim's delight.

The unplanned stops resulted in only part of the course being covered by the two hour time limit. Ever faithful, Kim announced he would complete the remainder on the next Saturday for anyone who wished to show up. Several did and more home stops turned up even more new material.

Tour-goers gather at the Queen Anne High School Condominiums on Sept. 16.
Photo by Bruce Jones

The owner of the home at 369 Galer St., Michael Pete, chats with Kim Turner (left) and some of the tour members about the history of the house. Several other home owners took part in exchanges as the tour moved along.
Photo by Bruce Jones

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

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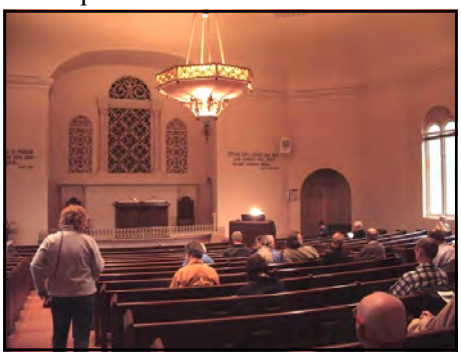
ture Report prior to issuing a demolition permit. We are awaiting a response from the City at this point.

The church is a Neo-Byzantine-Early Christian Revival design, built in 1926. The architect, Harlan Thomas (of Thomas, Grainger & Thomas) designed many Seattle buildings, including the Chelsea Hotel on Olympic Place, the Queen Anne Branch Library and the Sorrento Hotel.

Although other potential users of the building have surfaced, the issues of finances, repair costs, parking and traffic all make such uses problematical.

On Sunday, Nov. 5th, a free organ recital held at the church allowed many Queen Anne community members to view the interior rooms, including a grand sanctuary seating about 350. Church organist Dr. J. William Clarke performed.



Interior of Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist.
Photo by John Hennes.

Heritage News

Crown of Lights Is Back, with Chamber's Help

Each year the QAHS conducts a contest to chose the best holiday lighting displayed by a residence on the historic Queen Anne Boulevard, and another for residences not on the boulevard. Judges are recruited from various organizations on Queen Anne. The contest is a light-hearted attempt to publicize the boulevard's existence and to promote community spirit.

This year's judging will be on **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm**. Call 206-284-2266 by Tuesday, Dec. 12 and leave your name and the address of any house you think should be looked at by the judges.

Prizes for this year's winners are being provided by the **Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce.** The Chamber and our Society will be working together on other holiday offerings.

Treat House Status

Following the Treat House landmark designation in June, a set of incentives and controls governing any changes was approved in September.

The owners of the property are appealing these decisions to the City of Seattle Hearing Examiner, who can modify the Landmark Board's recommendations. These hearings are underway at this time.

Following this, the City Council must approve a designating ordinance, and more changes can be made at that time also.

Tune into the Society's web site to find the latest status.

Char Eggleston

Spotlight on the Board
Char Eggleston

Each issue we plan to introduce a different member of our Board of Trustees. Our board members are just people interested in preservation, like yourselves. Like them, you too can contribute to our efforts.

This issue we focus on Char Eggleston, our Landmark Preservation Chair, who, with her husband Sid, lives on W. Galer St.

Char, a longtime resident of Roseburg, Oregon, pulled up stakes and set out for the Emerald City in 1984. In the Seattle area, Char has had numerous positions, including accounting for Clipper Navigation and for a large construction company, and working for a small insurance agency.

She met her future husband Sid, who was from Tacoma, on a boat attending Husky football games. Sid and Char were married in Seattle in 1995 (aboard a yacht no less). They moved back to Queen Anne in 1999, just prior to Sid's retiring.

Shortly after coming "home to Q.A." they joined the QAHS. It wasn't until the Black house was destroyed overnight, that she became a very active member. Bruce Jones, our archivist and a past president, introduced her to the landmark process when we started our efforts to save the Treat House.

Char believes that her accounting and construction background have been an asset in learning the complicated business of landmark designation. She regularly attends the City Landmark Preservation Board meetings and is instrumental in developing a relationship with the city landmark office. Her motto is, "We can't preserve everything, we need to be selective and work on the best".

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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City _____, State _____ Zip_____

E-mail _____

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.
I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:
Soft cover: $25
($20 for members)
Hard cover: $45
($40 for members)

Please send me the following:
Soft cover qty:____
Soft cover cost: $_____
Hard cover qty:____
Hard cover cost: $_____
Mailing costs at $3/book: _____
Total Cost: $_____

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***Coming up*: Arthur Lee Jacobson talks about the trees of Seattle and Queen Anne at the November program on Wed. Nov. 22, 7:30 pm. Story page 1.**

Kim's Musings

Home is Where the Heart Is.

Who let the rain out? It was barely a month ago that we were sitting in shirtsleeves, watching the finest of sunsets which Puget Sound has to offer.

This has been a Queen Anne year for your faithful columnist: my own high school class reunion (45th); the Queen Anne High School Alumni Association's 25th anniversary; the transfer of the building and grounds to the new owner of the former school, and the ensuing condominium open house August 12th; and working on the "Topping Queen Anne" walking tour, a major undertaking which was really two tours in one, insofar as time is concerned.

Interspersed with all the above were visits to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Seattle Center, the Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair, with guest author Nicholas Basbanes, author of "A Gentle Madness" and other books about book collectors. Also, the annual Washington State Writer's Awards, held at the new downtown library, brought several local authors.

I have been thinking about my own past, partly as a result of the above events, and partly because my last surviving aunt is nearing the end of her life. She and I were talking on the phone on our regular Saturday-night chat, and reminiscing about the house at the foot of the stairs, 910 Third Ave. N., which was my first truly-remembered home. The house is still there, and from the outside shows little change from the way it looked when we moved away from it in February 1952. From the downhill side it is a three-story structure, in the Craftsman style, and has been modified from a single-family residence to a duplex.

We lost our breakfast nook on the main floor when Mother had the house remodeled. The dining room, next to the living room, was a good size—it still held the dining room set with the buffet and table and six chairs. It is a Danish modern set which was my parents penultimate wedding anniversary gift to each other. I still have it, although the chairs need new slipcovers again. The bathroom was next to the kitchen, and was big (to me). It is still larger than the one I currently have in my triplex unit on Phinney Ridge.

We lived there through the 1949 earthquake and death of my father. My aunt brought her daughters down from Fairbanks, Alaska (which she really enjoyed leaving) and moved in the upstairs of our house. This situation allowed my mother to go back to work to keep the roof over our heads. That house was the most solidly built of any of the homes in which I have lived. It was built around 1910, and looks lovely from every angle. I realize that living in a house for a mere 7 years doesn't necessarily leave a marked memory on the surrounding community, but the memories we each take with us do. That is why it is so very satisfying to learn more about each home we visit on our tours.

May you each have something or someone for whom you can be thankful on Thanksgiving Day. Happy and healthy holidays! *Kim R. Turner, Research Chair*

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Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266
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